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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Satellite Dish Rulemaking - IB Docket No. 95-59

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing with regard to the above-referenced proposed rule to limit the applicability of the local zoning and building codes to satellite dishes. We are concerned that the proposed rule might very well lead to the loss of life and damage to property values. We are firmly convinced that the safety of our children and the preservation of property values are of much greater importance than the enhanced ability to watch a few additional television channels.

Zoning and land use codes typically limit the types and sizes of structures that can be placed in a front yard in order to insure that the vision of motorists is unobstructed. We believe that it is very important for motorists to be able to see children running into the street, cars backing out of drive ways, et cetera. We would plead with you to put the lives of our children ahead of the special interest of the television industry.

Although of less significance than the issue of safety, we would also point out that satellite dishes can substantially reduce property values. Unfortunately, the proposed rule would afford people the opportunity to place satellite dishes in their front yards for the sole purpose of devaluing their neighbors property, even if they could get adequate reception in the rear yard.

I am sure you would recognize and agree that local building codes, which vary from one part of the country to another depending upon differing weather conditions, are imposed for the purpose of protecting buildings and the inhabitants thereof.

Finally, we would respectively suggest that the fees typically imposed by municipalities for permits should not be pre-empted. Such fees are imposed on the same basis as the fees imposed by the FCC. If it is believed that such fees are an impediment to the information super highway, then perhaps the FCC would want to set the example by waving all of its fees and requirements.

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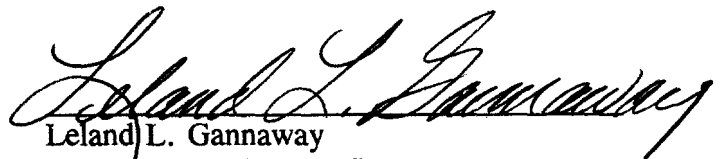
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Respectfully submitted,


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